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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONIn the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, lines 1-10 with the following amended paragraph:

After the remote object call 54 has been invoked, the remote system 42 may then proceed to perform remote execution of the command. Invoking a call to the object interface 56 on the remote system 42 may result in a work item 60 being queued to a thread pool 64 (e.g., via Windows NT 5 thread pool APIs) thereby enabling the call to return at once. The work item 60 may then be processed by a thread 68 from the thread pool 60 64. The object 52 with the requested identification parameter (e.g., specified in line a above) may then be instantiated by the thread ~~60~~ 68 and queued for execution 70 via a work interface described below. The input argument (e.g., specified in line d above) may also be passed to the thread ~~60~~ 68 for object execution. Below is an exemplary work interface for executing the remote object 52 in accordance with the present invention.

work interface (e.g.,) IClusterWork

{

HRESULT Execute( [in] BSTR bstrInputArg,  
[out] BSTR \*pbstrOutputArg );

};